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SUBJECT: SECNAV VISIT

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1. BY REF A THE EMBASSY REPLIED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON A PROPOSED VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA BY SECRETARY OF THE NAVY MIDDENDORF. BY REF B SECNAV INFORMED US OF HIS PROPOSED ITINERARY AND REQUESTED DETAILED SCHEDULING SUGGESTIONS. HE ALSO INFORMED US IN THAT MESSAGE THAT FINAL CONFIRMATION OF THE ITINERARY WAS AWAITING WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE.

2. WE ARE, OF COURSE, PREPARED TO ARRANGE FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY A SCHEDULE WHICH WILL BE INTERESTING AND USEFUL FOR HIM AND TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE ADVANCE U.S. POLICY INTERESTS IN SAUDI ARABIA.

3. IN REPLYING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY'S REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING INFORMATION WE WISH TO BE PROMPT AND SOUND POSITIVE. WE DO NOT WANT, HOWEVER, TO PREJUDICE BY OUR RESPONSE WHITE HOUSE AND DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATION OF CLEARANCE FOR THE VISIT IF IT APPEARS -- IN LINE WITH JIDDA'S SUGGESTION (REF A) -- THAT THE VISIT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US THEREFORE, IF WE COULD BE INFORMED OF THE STATUS OF THE CLEARANCE FOR SECRETARY MIDDENDORF'S VISIT.

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